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1. [redacted] the HVDGP was scheduled to move from its present station in Berlin-Pankow to Koenigswusterhausen on 1 January 1954. 25X1
2. Effective 1 November, the chief of the Main Department for Training at the HVDGP, Colonel Stock, was transferred to a military academy in Dresden.
3. [redacted] the Op. I Main Department of the HVDGP actually is a department of the State Security Service which receives its orders exclusively from the State Secretariat for State Security, although it is nominally subordinate to the HVDGP. The Op. I Main Department is officially referred to as "Aufklaerung" (intelligence) and has code No. 71. Lieutenant Colonel Heinrich would answer telephone calls. Prior to the summer of 1952, three or four criminal police officials were attached to each Grenzbereitschaft. Some of them were taken over by the SSD. Since the summer of 1952, three or four officers of the State Security Service have been assigned to each Grenzbereitschaft. They form the so-called Aufklaerung Staff. This staff receives its orders from the Op. I Main Department, occasionally also from the commanding officer of the Bereitschaft. The Aufklaerung Staffs attached to the border police Bereitschaften are assigned the mission of controlling all persons within the five-kilometer restricted border zone, checking on trucks in the 10-kilometer border zone, initiating search operations and making checks on the morale of officers and IM of border guard units. 25X1
4. The personnel of the border check points receives its orders from the KPP department of the Op. II Main Department of the HVDGP but is administratively assigned to the Grenzkommandatur involved.
5. In October/November 1953 marksmanship practices were held by all border police Bereitschaften according to an order given by the HVDGP. Officers fired with pistols, EM with carbines and submachine guns. The results of these practices were generally considered as unsatisfactory.

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6. On 1 November, there was no change in the locations of the headquarters of Grenzbereitschaften.

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Grenzbereitschaft Schoenberg:

CO: Lieutenant Colonel Voigtmann

Chief of Staff: Major Troester

PK officer: Captain Glaeser

Chief of the Grenzkommandantur Darsow: Captain Geier (fnu). Assigned to his Kommandantur were the Grenzkommandos at Poetenitz, Teschow, and Selmsdorf.

Chief of Grenzkommandantur Herrnburg: Captain Aster (fnu). Assigned to his Kommandantur were the Grenzkommandos at Palingen, Herrnburg, and Schattin.

Chief of Grenzkommandantur Schlagsdorf: Captain Tipper (fnu). Assigned to his Kommandantur were the Grenzkommandos at Campow, Schlagbruegge, and Gross-Thuroow.

Assigned to the Grenzbereitschaft Schoenberg was the Grenzkommandantur Zarrentin with Grenzkommandos at Kneese, Stintenburg, and Testorf.

Grenzbereitschaft Grabow:

Grenzkommandantur/with Grenzkommandos at Neu-Gallin, Leisterfoerde, and Neu-Zweedorf. ^{Greven}

Grenzkommandantur Polzenburg with Grenzkommandos at Nostorf, Hofvlei (sic), Gothmann and check points at Schwanheide and Horst.

Grenzkommandantur Neuhaus with Grenzkommandos at Neu-Carge, Vockfey and Bitter.

Grenzbereitschaft Nordhausen:

CO: Lieutenant Colonel Geing (fnu)

Chief of Staff: Captain Pieger (fnu) (was to be transferred for disciplinary reasons)

PK officer: Captain Bartz (fnu)

Grenzbereitschaft Darmbach:

CO: Major Baer (fnu), acting CO, because the previous CO was transferred to the NCO academy at Suhl.

PK officer: Major Greling (fnu)

Grenzbereitschaft Meiningen:

CO: Major Thieme, (fnu), he replaced Lieutenant Colonel Salten (fnu), who was transferred as an inspector to Meiningen.

Chief of Staff: Captain Kuetisch (fnu)

PK officer: Captain Broder

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Grenzbereitschaft Koepfelsdorf:

Grenzkommandantur Oberlind with Grenzkommandos at Effelder, Hoehnbach, Oerlsdorf, and Neuhaus-Schierschnitz.
 Grenzkommandantur Graefenthal with Grenzkommandos at Heinersdorf, Neuenbau, Spechtsbrunn, Probstzella, and a check point at Probstzella.
 Grenzkommandantur Weitlisberga with Grenzkommandos at Lichtentanne, Brennersgruen, Titschendorf, and Schlegel.

Grenzbereitschaft Frankfurt/Oder:

PK officer: Major Weiss (fnu).

The officers of the units were armed with model 08 pistols, the NCOs and EM with Soviet carbines and submachine guns and light machine guns.

7. As reported previously, 17 officers of the HVDGP went on an inspection tour from 19 October to 6 November by bus [redacted] The bus was escorted by two sedans occupied by Soviet Lieutenant Colonel Sevilyev (fnu) from Wuensdorf and his interpreter Colonel Mansfeld (fnu). Majors Kuballa (fnu), Schober (fnu), Mueller (fnu) and Reger (fnu) took part in the tour. Bereitschaften Blumberg of the Ring around Berlin, Pirna and Koepfelsdorf were inspected for six days each. The commission checked on the arms of the Grenzbereitschaften, their employment, training in firing, athletic activities, supplies and political training. Special care was devoted to signal communication matters and the personnel departments. The ratings given to the Grenzbereitschaften inspected were: Blumberg: good; Pirna: fair; Koepfelsdorf: inadequate. 25X1
8. Marksmanship practices held by the individual Bereitschaften included firing with model 98 k carbines at distances of 50, 100 and 150 meters; firing with submachine guns at targets placed at a distance of 50 meters; and firing with Soviet machine guns at a distance of 200 meters. Other practices held involved two Kommandos with details of 20 to 25 men each which were rotated for these practices for one day each. The display included infantry squads in the attack, the advancing of riflemen under combat conditions, camouflage practices, close combat and attacking through gassed terrain. During the exercises blank cartridges were used and ground signals were fired. The personnel of Grenzbereitschaften and Kommandanturen also practiced night alarms and orientation marches at nights in details of 8 to 10 men. All pertinent orders were given by Lieutenant Colonel Sevilyev who personally inspected each border police agency.
1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the HVDGP is scheduled to move to Paetz, south of Koenigswusterhausen. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. It was previously reported that a KVP academy had been established in Dresden.

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